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# BUKIT VIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL
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# Secondary One Express

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE (1128 / 01)
Paper 1 Writing

**29 April 2016**
**1 hour 50 minutes**

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This insert contains **Section A**.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Fasten the completed **Section A** insert to your writing paper.

**Setter :** Mdm Joy Chen

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## Section A [10 marks]

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about the winner of an American reality television series. The first and last lines are correct. For eight of the lines, there is one grammatical error in each line. There are two more lines with no errors.

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The correct word you provided must not change the original meaning of the sentence.

Examples:

I arrived (to) my destination at 2 pm. ..... at .....

My mother always wears sensible clothes. ..... ✓ .....

Kelly Diedring was the winner of the first season of an American reality

television series called "King of the Jungle". For the name implies, this **1** .....

reality show focuses on how well contestants can present information **2** .....

about the animals they seen in the jungle. Kelly impressed the judges with **3** .....

the way she handles a six-foot python. She grasped a snake, successfully **4** .....

avoided its jaws and explained calmly to the camera the behavior of the **5** .....

creatures. She was cool and collected despite the danger she faced. In **6** .....

another episode, everyone watched her swing through an trees and rescue **7** .....

an alligator. She stood out in comparison for the other contestants. Whether **8** .....

it were her fearlessness or her knowledge of wild animals, Kelly was **9** .....

one of the most interesting contestant to watch on the programme. After **10** .....

winning the competition, she went on to host her own animal show.

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Additional Materials: Writing Paper, Insert

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Write in dark blue or black pen.

Answer **Section A, Section B** and one question from **Section C**.

**Section A** is an Insert.
For **Section A**, write your answers in the spaces provided on the Insert.
For **Section B** and **Section C**, write your answers on the writing paper provided.
At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the head of each section.

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Setter : Mdm Joy Chen

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This question paper consists of 4 printed pages, including this cover page and 1 Insert.

**Section B** [30 marks]

**You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words for this section.**

You should look at the flyer on page 3, study the information carefully and plan your answer before beginning to write.

You have received a letter from your cousin Pauline, who lives in Malaysia. She is planning to visit Singapore in a month's time for 3 days. In particular, she is keen to explore the sights and sounds of Sentosa. You come across a Sentosa attractions webpage and have volunteered to be her tour guide and plan her tour schedule.

Write a letter to your cousin to suggest:

- **two** attractions within Sentosa highlighted in the webpage that she might enjoy
- **one** other local attraction, besides those in Sentosa, that may interest her
- reasons why you selected these attractions

Write your letter in clear, accurate English and in a warm, friendly tone so that your cousin may be excited about her trip.

You should use your own words as much as possible.

Sentosa Island, Singapore, Asia
What are you looking for?
Search
Asia › Singapore › Sentosa Island › Sentosa Island Attractions

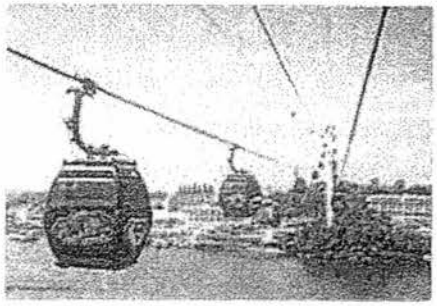
# Things to Do in Sentosa Island

## Universal Studios Singapore

- Meet movie characters from block-buster films and television series up close
- Experience rides, shows and attractions
- Seven Zones to choose from: Hollywood, New York, Sci-fi City, Ancient Egypt, Lost World, Far Far Away and Madagascar

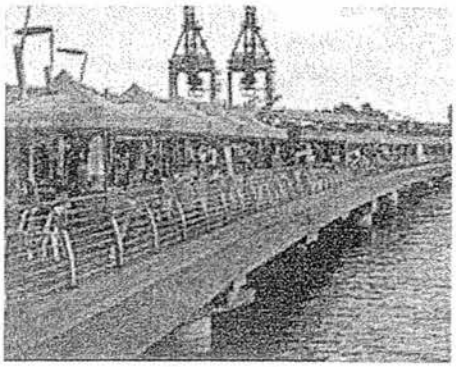
## SEA Aquarium – Marine Life Park

- 8-hectare park
- Largest oceanarium in the world
- Contains world's largest collection of manta rays and 24 bottlenose dolphins



## Singapore Cable Car (Sentosa)

- Most scenic highway in Singapore
- Travel above Faber Peak Singapore, cross the harbour into Sentosa
- Panoramic 360 degree windows to maximise photo opportunities



## Sentosa Boardwalk

- 700m of Sentosa Boardwalk connects Sentosa to the mainland
- Sheltered canopies offer shade
- Five sections of greenery: Mangrove, Rock Garden, Terrain and Hill, Coastal Floral and Tropical Rainforest.

**Section C** [30 marks]

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

**You are advised to write between 300 and 400 words on one of the following topics.**

At the head of your composition, write the number of the topic you have chosen.

**1** 'Do one thing that scares you every day.' Write about an occasion when you explored a physical activity that you were fearful of initially.

**2** Describe your daily activities that help conserve the environment.

**3** Write about what happened during a festive occasion that you celebrated with your family.

**4** Write about a school event where an incident boosted your respect towards one of your classmates significantly.

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**10 May 2016**

Paper 2 Comprehension

1 hour 30 minutes

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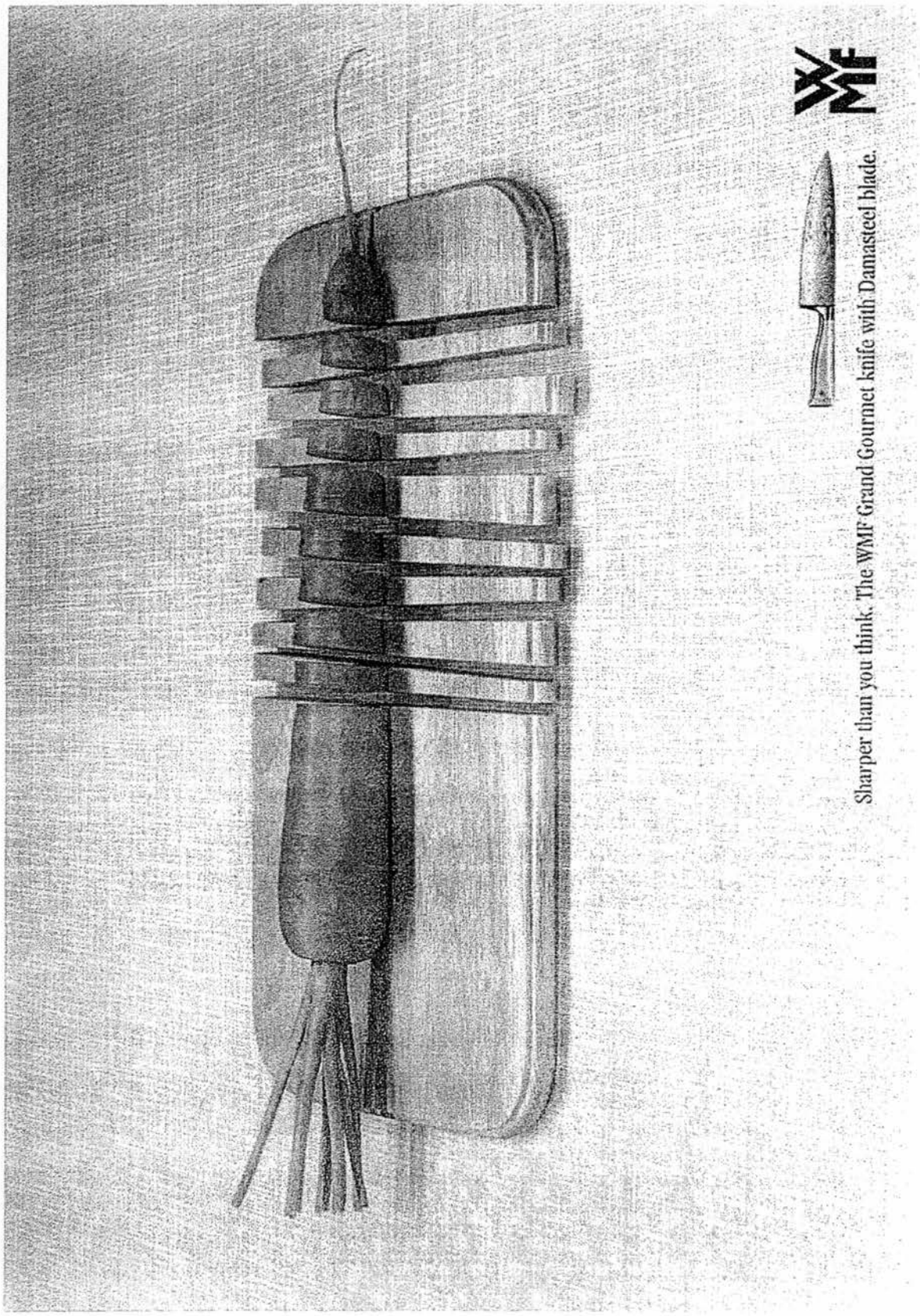
Setter: Mr Dennis Ong

## Section A

### Text 1

*Study the advertisement below and answer Questions 1-4 in the Question Paper.*



## Section B

### Text 2

*This text below describes a girl who went for a run. Read it carefully and answer Questions 5-19 in the Question Paper.*

1 Midnight. I look out of my grimy window onto darkness. The fog has lifted and I know that this is my time. I slip on a pair of battered old trainers passed down through generations. They are full of holes and too small, but I don't care. I open our giant front door and breathe in the glorious fresh air.

2 I run and the adrenalin hits me. Sweat trickles down my face. I know I should turn back but this is my guilty secret. I sprint directionless through damp meadows, grass up to my waist as no human has set foot here in decades. If anyone knew, I'd be arrested.

3 I race home, exhilarated. No one has seen me as no one ever leaves his computerised home anymore. Everyone is overweight and terrified of stepping outside the world of the Internet. The government uses weight to control society, like puppeteers pulling the strings of their obese, obedient dolls. Everyone except me. No one has ever seen me sprinting through the fields because no one ever looks past their screens, but tonight I feel like someone is watching me...

4 Jonathan sat in the middle of his lifeless bedroom with his laptop on his knees. His face was pale and dark circles sat beneath his eyes. Once again, he was up late, hacking into the government's satellite. A triumphant smile stretched across his face.

5 He scrolled over England and zoomed in on his local area, feeling like he had a VIP pass into everyone's lives. Their soulless faces locked onto computer screens made him feel miserable. Jonathan needed some excitement. He decided to shift to the countryside, remembering with trepidation the frightening stories he'd read online about this mysterious place.

6 His speakers began to play a relaxing sound: the wind in the trees. He was drifting off to sleep when he saw movement and jolted. A figure, moving swiftly. Tall and thin like a character from one of those vintage Nintendo games. A ghost? No, a living, breathing, running girl!

7 Jonathan watched, fascinated. He began to want this strange world of freedom and movement. He felt his heart thud against his chest. He felt the muscles in his legs ache. He knew he should report her but he'd be arrested for hacking into their satellite. His mind repeated the words he sees every morning when he logs-on to school:

8 'The Government looks after you. Trust the Government.'

9 His conscience fought with his instincts. He'd trusted the government but now they seemed to have become evil. The report button was just a couple of centimetres from his little finger. If he pressed it, her freedom would disappear along with his laptop...

10 When I arrive home from my run, I'm exhausted. I flop onto my bed and breathe sighs of relief, just like I always do when I make it back home and know I've not been spotted.

11 I log-on to my laptop to find one new e-mail. It reads:

12 You need new trainers.

## Section C

### Text 3

*The article below is about smart phones and digital addiction in Singapore. Read it carefully and answer Questions 20-27 in the Question Paper.*

1 "Let's talk about the people of Singapore and about smartphones. There is not much difference. In Singapore, I have seen the future and I shuddered. I've seen people scroll pages of the smartphone for endless minutes, without doing anything, or without launching any applications. I have seen the future and I know now that life is better in the past." That was what Italian Giorgio Fochesato felt when he visited Singapore.

2 Walk along the streets of Singapore or take the public transport and you will easily notice what Giorgio was talking about. Just take a ride on the public Mass Rapid Transport System (MRT) and you will understand how smartphones have ruined people. People walk down the street holding a tablet with two hands, without much awareness of where they are going; what is most important to them is not to miss the latest episode of Korean drama on their devices. It does not matter if they walk into someone else. The important thing is to never remove their gaze from their rectangular friends.

3 Smartphone addiction is a real thing and it is slowly becoming serious. According to a recent report, psychiatrists in Singapore are pushing for medical authorities to formally recognise addiction to the Internet and digital devices as a disorder, joining other countries around the world in addressing this growing problem.

4 According to the same report, Tan Hwee Sim, a consultant psychiatrist at The Resilienz Mind clinic in Singapore, noted that the symptoms exhibited by her young adult patients have changed over the years. "Internet addiction as a disorder is not even listed in our latest psychiatric manual. It's only listed in the appendix as a disorder that requires further study," she said.

5 Another consultant at the anesthesiology department of Singapore General Hospital, Tan Kian Hian told the Straits Times that, in terms of physical symptoms, more people are reporting "text neck" or "iNeck" pain.

6 "It is a commonly observed phenomenon that many people have their heads lowered and are now using their mobile devices constantly on the go, while queuing or even crossing the roads," Tan added.

7 Signs of addiction? Trisha Lin, an assistant professor in communications at the Nanyang Technological University, defined digital addiction by a number of symptoms; the inability to control craving, anxiety when separated from a smartphone, loss in productivity in studies or at work, the need to constantly check one's phone.

8 So what can be done to overcome this addiction? If you or any of your friends do exhibit these symptoms, do seek professional help. In Singapore, there are two counselling centres – the National Addictions Management Services and Touch Community Services – with programmes for digital addiction. Unplug from virtual reality and return to physical reality.

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# BUKIT VIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL
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## Secondary One Express

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**10 May 2016**

Paper 2 Comprehension

1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper

Additional Materials: Insert

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Write your name, index number and class on the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black ink on both sides of the paper.
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Answer all questions.
Write your answers in the spaces provided in the Question Paper.
The Insert contains the texts for all the sections.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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Setter: Mr Dennis Ong

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This question paper consists of 7 printed pages and 1 insert.

## Section A [5 marks]

**Refer to the advertisement (Text 1) on page 2 of the insert for Questions 1-4.**

**1** What is the name of the product that the advertisement is trying to sell?

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..... [1]

**2** The advertisement highlights a particular characteristic of the product as its main selling point.

What is the highlighted characteristic?

..... [1]

**3** Quote a phrase that highlights this characteristic.

..... [1]

**4** Explain fully how the picture highlights this characteristic.

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..... [2]

## Section B [20 marks]

Refer to Text 2 on page 3 of the insert for Questions 5 – 19.

5 According to paragraph 1, at what time of the day did the writer go out for a run?

..... [1]

6 'They are full of holes and too small, but I don't care.' (line 3)

What does the word 'they' refer to?

..... [1]

7 'I know I should turn back but this is my guilty secret.' (lines 5-6)

Why does the author feel that she should turn back?

.....

..... [1]

8 The author describes the grasslands she runs through in paragraph 2.

(i) How tall was the grass?

..... [1]

(ii) **Using your own words,** explain why the grass was this tall.

.....

.....

..... [2]

9 'The government uses weight to control society, like puppeteers pulling the strings of their obese, obedient dolls.' (lines 10-11)

(i) What does the author compare the government to?

..... [1]

(ii) What does this comparison suggest about the author's view of the government?

.....

..... [1]

**10** With reference to paragraph 4, why do you think Jonathan had dark circles under his eyes?

.....

..... [1]

**11** Quote a phrase which shows that Jonathan was successful in hacking into the government.

..... [1]

**12** According to paragraph 5, why did Jonathan shift his attention to the countryside?

.....

..... [1]

**13** With reference to paragraph 6, what did Jonathan hear when he scrolled to the countryside?

..... [1]

**14** Quote a sentence from paragraph 7 which shows that Jonathan was excited.

..... [1]

**15** With reference to paragraph 7, explain why Jonathan was hesitant to report the author to the government **using your own words**.

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..... [2]

**16** 'His conscience fought with his instincts.' (line 31)

What were Jonathan's instincts telling him to do?

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..... [1]

**17** According to paragraph 9, what would happen if Jonathan reported the author to the government?

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..... [1]

**18** According to paragraph 10, the author is exhausted when she is home.

(i) Apart from physical exhaustion, how does the author feel when she returns home?

..... [1]

(ii) Why does the author feel this way?

..... [1]

**19** Quote a sentence which indicates that Jonathan did not report the author to the government.

..... [1]

## Section C [10 marks]

**Refer to Text 3 on page 4 of the insert for Questions 20 – 27.**

**20** 'In Singapore, I have seen the future and I shuddered.' (line 2)

According to paragraph 1, why did the author shudder when he saw the future of Singapore?

.....

..... [1]

**21** According to paragraph 2, why are people walking down the street with tablets in their hands not mindful of where they are going?

.....

..... [1]

**22** From paragraph 2, identify an example of potentially hazardous behaviour resulting from people's fixation on their mobile devices.

.....

..... [1]

**23** 'The important thing is to never remove their gaze from their rectangular friends.' (lines 13-14)

What do 'rectangular friends' refer to?

..... [1]

24 Here is a part of a conversation between two students, Brandon and Catelyn, who have read the article.

**Brandon**

I think addiction to mobile devices is a disease!

I don't think so. I think the phenomenon is less dire than you think!

**Catelyn**

(i) Identify a detail from paragraph 3 that Brandon can use to support his view.

.....

..... [1]

(ii) With reference to paragraph 4, how would Catelyn support her view?

.....

..... [1]

25 What do you think is the cause of the 'iNeck' (line 26) symptom?

.....

..... [1]

26 According to paragraph 7, what are two symptoms of digital addiction? **Answer in your own words.**

.....

..... [2]

27 From to paragraph 8, identify a place where one can find professional help to overcome digital addiction.

.....

..... [1]

End of paper

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE (1128 / 01)**
Paper 1 Writing

**29 April 2016**
**1 hour 50 minutes**

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# ANSWER KEY

**Setter :** Mdm Joy Chen

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## Section A [10 marks]

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Examples:

I arrived (to) my destination at 2 pm. ..... at .....

My mother always wears sensible clothes. ..... ✓ .....

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|---|---|
| Kelly Diedring was the winner of the first season of an American reality | |
| television series called "King of the Jungle". [For] the name implies, this | **1** As (conj) |
| reality show focuses on how well contestants can present information | **2** ✓ |
| about the animals they [seen] in the jungle. Kelly impressed the judges with | **3** see (vf) |
| the way she [handles] a six-foot python. She grasped a snake, successfully | **4** handled (t) |
| avoided its jaws and explained calmly to the camera the behavior of the | **5** ✓ |
| [creatures]. She was cool and collected despite the danger she faced. In | **6** creature (pl) |
| another episode, everyone watched her swing through [an] trees and rescue | **7** the (article) |
| an alligator. She stood out in comparison [for] the other contestants. Whether | **8** to (conj) |
| it [were] her fearlessness or her knowledge of wild animals, Kelly was | **9** was (sva) |
| one of the most interesting [contestant] to watch on the programme. After | **10** contestants (sva) |
| winning the competition, she went on to host her own animal show. | |

**ANSWER KEY**

# BUKIT VIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL
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## Secondary One Express

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**10 May 2016**

**Setter: Mr Dennis Ong**

## ANSWER KEY

1 What is the name of the product that the advertisement is trying to sell?

**WMF Grand Gourmet knife with Damasteel blade. [1m]**

***Do not accept incomplete answers.***

2 The advertisement highlights a particular characteristic of the product as its main selling point.

What is the highlighted characteristic?

**Sharpness (of the knife) [1m]**

3 Quote a phrase that highlights this characteristic.

**'Sharper than you think.' [1m]**

4 Explain fully how the picture highlights this characteristic.

**The picture shows a sliced chopping board. [1m]**

**This shows that the knives sold are very sharp because they can even slice through chopping boards. [1m]**

***Award 1 mark for describing the picture and 1 mark for explanation.***

## ANSWER KEY

5 According to paragraph 1, at what time of the day did the writer go out for a run?

**Midnight. [1m]**

6 'They are full of holes and too small, but I don't care.' (line 3)

What does the word 'they' refer to?

**The author's pair of battered old trainers / Her trainers [1m]**

7 'I know I should turn back but this is my guilty secret.' (lines 5-6)

Why does the author feel that she should turn back?

**She would be arrested. [1m]**

8 The author describes the grasslands she runs through in paragraph 2.

i. How tall was the grass?

**Up to the author's waist [1m]**

ii. **Using your own words,** explain why the grass was this tall.

| *From text* | *Suggested answer* |
|---|---|
| **No human has...** | **Nobody / No one / No person has... [1m]** |
| **...set foot there in decades.** | **...visited / entered / walked there in many years. [1m]** |

9 'The government uses weight to control society, like puppeteers pulling the strings of their obese, obedient dolls.' (lines 10-11)

i. What does the author compare the government to?

**Puppeteers [1m]**

ii. What does this comparison suggest about the author's view of the government?

**The author views the government as controlling / manipulative / oppressive. [1m]**

10 With reference to paragraph 4, why do you think Jonathan had dark circles under his eyes?

**He had been staying up late (to hack into the government's satellite) [1m]**

## ANSWER KEY

**11** Quote a phrase which shows that Jonathan was successful in hacking into the government.

**A triumphant smile stretched across his face. [1m]**

**12** According to paragraph 5, why did Jonathan shift his attention to the countryside?

**He needed some excitement. [1m] OR**
**He remembered the frightening stories he'd read online about that mysterious place. [1m]**

**13** With reference to paragraph 6, what did Jonathan hear when he scrolled to the countryside?

**The wind in the trees. [1m]**

**14** Quote a sentence from paragraph 7 which shows that Jonathan was excited.

**He felt his heart thud against his chest. [1m]**

**15** With reference to paragraph 7, explain why Jonathan was hesitant to report the author to the government **using your own words**.

| *From text* | *Suggested answers* |
|---|---|
| He'd be arrested... | He'd be detained / seized / apprehended / caught... [1m] |
| ...for hacking into their satellite. | ...for gaining unauthorised access into their satellite. [1m] |

**16** 'His conscience fought with his instincts.' (line 31)

What were Jonathan's instincts telling him to do?

**They were telling him to report the author to the government. [1m]**

**17** According to paragraph 9, what would happen if Jonathan reported the author to the government?

**The author's freedom would disappear along with Jonathan's laptop. [1m]**

**ANSWER KEY**

**18** According to paragraph 10, the author is exhausted when she is home.

i. Apart from physical exhaustion, how does the author feel when she returns home?

**She feels relief. [1m]**

ii. Why does the author feel this way?

**She knows she has not been spotted. [1m]**

**19** Quote a sentence which indicates that Jonathan did not report the author to the government.

**You need new trainers. [1m]**

## ANSWER KEY

**Text 3**

**20** 'In Singapore, I have seen the future and I shuddered.' (line 2)

According to paragraph 1, why did the author shudder when he saw the future of Singapore?

**I know now that life is better in the past. [1m]**

**21** According to paragraph 2, why are people walking down the street with tablets in their hands not mindful of where they are going?

**What is most important to them is not to miss the latest episode of Korean drama on their devices. [1m]**

**22** From paragraph 2, identify an example of potentially hazardous behaviour resulting from people's fixation on their mobile devices.

**People do not have much awareness of where they are going. [1m] OR**
**It does not matter if they walk into someone else. [1m]**

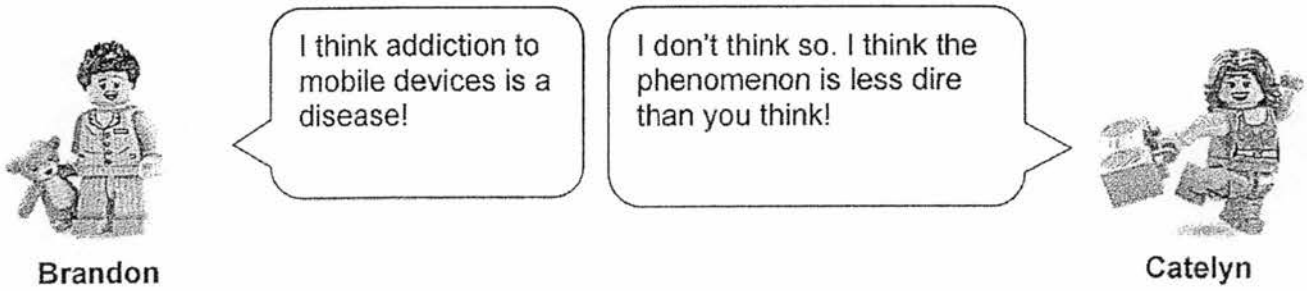
**ED: Do not award marks if both answers are given.**

**23** 'The important thing is to never remove their gaze from their rectangular friends.' (lines 13-14)

What do 'rectangular friends' refer to?

**Mobile devices / tablets / smartphones [1m]**

**24** Here is a part of a conversation between two students, Brandon and Catelyn, who have read the article.




(i) Identify a detail from paragraph 3 that Brandon can use to support his view.

**Psychiatrists in Singapore are pushing for medical authorities to formally recognise addiction to the Internet and digital devices as a disorder. [1m]**

**ANSWER KEY**

(ii) With reference to paragraph 4, how would Catelyn support her view?

**Internet addiction is only listed in the latest psychiatric manual in the appendix as a disorder. [1m]**

**25** What do you think is the cause of the 'iNeck' (line 26) symptom?

**People have their heads lowered for extended periods of time while they are on their mobile devices. [1m]**

**26** According to paragraph 7, what are two symptoms of digital addiction? **Answer in your own words.**

**Award 2 marks for any 2 symptoms below.**

| *From text* | *Suggested answers* |
|---|---|
| **...the inability to control craving...** | **...unable to curb the urge... [1m]** |
| **...anxiety when separated from a smartphone...** | **...nervousness when unconnected to a smartphone... [1m]** |
| **...loss in productivity in studies or at work...** | **...lack of good performance in studies or at work... [1m]** |
| **...the need to constantly check one's phone...** | **...the necessity to always look at one's device... [1m]** |

**27** From to paragraph 8, identify a place where one can find professional help to overcome digital addiction.

**The National Addictions Management Services OR Touch Community Services [1m]**

**ED: Do not award marks if both are given.**